H. Res. 610

In the House of Representatives, U.S.,

October 20, 1998

- Whereas the Republic of Mozambique suffered from armed conflict for 30 years, first against Portuguese colonialism and then a brutal civil war between the FRELIMO government and RENAMO rebels;
- Whereas up to one-third of Mozambique's 17,000,000 people were forced to flee their homes as refugees or internal displaced persons as a result of the civil war;
- Whereas the two sides to the civil conflict reached a peace accord in 1992 and democratic elections were held in 1994 with the participation of all major political groups;
- Whereas both the government of President Joachim Alberto Chissano and opposition parties have participated positively in Mozambique's representative democracy;
- Whereas both the government and the opposition have made considerable strides in building a defense force that is representative of the Mozambican people;
- Whereas Mozambique has rejected its communist economic policies, embraced free market principles, privatized many state enterprises, encouraged foreign investment and now enjoys one of Africa's highest economic growth rates at 8 percent per year; and

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1	Resolved, That the House of Representatives—
2	(1) recognizes the achievements of the
3	Mozambican people in overcoming political and eco-
4	nomic obstacles to become a model of reconciliation
5	and development;
6	(2) applauds those who have led Mozambique
7	toward political reconciliation and away from armed
8	conflict;
9	(3) commends the people of Mozambique for
10	continuing to support democracy and democratic in-
11	stitutions;
12	(4) calls upon United States Government agen-
13	cies to continue to work with their Mozambican
14	counterparts in forging a close bilateral relationship;
15	(5) calls on the Government of Mozambique to
16	continue to be a model of democracy, economic liber-
17	alization, and respect for human rights; and
18	(6) calls those nations in the world torn by civil
19	strife to look toward the example of Mozambique for

- 1 the benefits of political reconciliation and peaceful
- 2 economic development.

Attest:

Clerk.